

PUBLIC WORKS: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT



ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Goal Statement

To provide an integrated solid waste management system dedicated to excellent customer service and responsible fiscal and environmental stewardship.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Environment

- Constructed additional shelters to allow better protection of Household Hazardous Waste drop offs at the Rural Waste Service Centers.
- Transfer Station employees removed 30 tons of waste tires from the household waste stream. This resulted in annual savings of \$36,000.
- Evaluated the long-term policy implications of the following options, taking into consideration the potential fiscal, environmental, operational and neighborhood impacts: a complete closure of the landfill; redirect Class I Solid Waste from the Transfer Station to the landfill; and a hybrid solution that includes both Class I Solid Waste disposal at the landfill and through the Transfer Station
- Dual purposed a closed solid waste disposal cell for event parking at Apalachee Regional Park. The parking lot has a capacity of 3,000 vehicles.

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- Leon County's Hazardous Waste Center continued to be a one-stop location for hazardous waste and electronics disposal that promotes the reuse and recycling of these products.
 - » Processed 368 tons of potentially hazardous material from 10,784 residents, of which 206 tons was removed from the solid waste stream through recycling or reuse. The hazardous material is collected from the four Rural Waste Collection centers, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility and through nine weekend collection events held at the Public Works Facility.
 - » The Swap Shop continued to promote the reuse of household products. The program receives usable household products, such as paint, pool chemicals, and polishes, all of which are available to the public at no charge. This includes returning 49 tons of household



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

products to the community through the Swap Shop and 5,330 gallons of re-blended latex paint through the ReNew Paint program.

- Leon County continues to stride toward state benchmarks for recycling:
 - » Achieved 54% recycling rate.
 - » Recycled over 284 tons of electronic scrap.
 - » Partnered with the Sharing Tree, a community resource for reuse and recycling of art supplies and other materials that would otherwise be destined for a landfill.
 - » Processed 20,000 tons of yard debris from Leon County residents. The processed yard debris generates fine mulch that is given away for free to Leon County residents.
 - » Processed 300 tons of waste tires from Leon County residents. The tires are transported off site to a processor who uses the tires for an alternative fuel.



Clearing yard debris



Did You Know

Tires can hold a lot of standing water and breed mosquitos. To help, Solid Waste recycles tires at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 7550 Apalachee Parkway.